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CLERK: 26 ayes and 11 nays and 14 not voting to advance the bill, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT: The bill is advanced.

CLERK: Mr. President, on LB 380.

PRESIDENT: Senator Carsten.

SENATOR CARSTEN: Mr. President and members of the Legislature, I would submit to you that I did pass over 589 this morning with the understanding that we would follow 123 with 589 and I would ask the Speaker if this would be acceptable to him and also to the body that we might dispose of this measure which does go hand in hand with 123.

PRESIDENT: The Chair apologizes. I made a note of that and overlooked it. Mr. Speaker, would you agree that it is appropriate to take up 589 now?

SENATOR BURBACH: This is right and I don't want anyone to misinterpret this because Senator Anderson said after 213, and this is after 213, of course, but this is also a discussion we had here this morning that we passed over 589 until we saw the outcome of 123 which was very dependent upon the figure that Senator Carsten wants to give this body and this is one we have to make a decision on sometime today, too.

PRESIDENT: All right. We now consider LB 589. Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: Mr. President, LB 589 is a bill introduced by Senator Carsten, Chairman of the Revenue Committee. Read title. The Committee amendments, Mr. President, have been adopted and an amendment by Senator Lewis inserting the word "individual" has been adopted. Senator Warner offered an amendment which was adopted, and on May 7th, the bill failed to advance. There is now another amendment offered by Senator Duis to delete the Frank Lewis amendment which inserted the word "individual" after the word "total".

PRESIDENT: Senator Duis.

SENATOR DUIS: Mr. President, I believe the amendment speaks for itself. I merely am trying to put the bill back in the shape it was before so we wouldn't have the discrepancy now or in the future as to the division of the...that is, the equalization of the income tax and sales tax by taking out the word individual which would separate that from the other, and if there is any further discussion, I would be very happy to hear it. What it merely does is deletes the amendment that was put in by Senator Lewis.

PRESIDENT: Senator Frank Lewis.

SENATOR F. LEWIS: There is no question that I oppose the Duis amendment. That particular amendment has been under much discussion. There are those that claim they will scuttle this bill on the basis of that. You have probably got a good idea of who "those" would be. I believe it is fair. I believe, first of all, that all of us ought to speak in terms of our knowledge in the areas of taxation. I do not